Today's Message

Date: December 9, 2018
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Title: ***Transformed from Glory to Glory***

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12–18

> **12** Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like
> Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites
> might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an
> end. **14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they
> read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because
> only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever
> Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to
> the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and
> where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all,
> with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being
> transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to
> another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Introduction: Paul has laid out the truth that the Law of Moses was
annulled, displaced by a glorious new covenant. In today's text he
further explains that those who try to come to God through the
Law are blind. In contrast, the Spirit of God shines the light of
truth on all who turn to Christ. The text climaxes with a description
of the Spirit's transforming work in the lives of all who believe,
changing us from glory to glory.

**Today's take-home truth: A glorious hope shapes our
ministry—a hope Christ gives through his Spirit.**

I.   **A glorious hope shapes our ministry. 12**

II.   **The Law could never give this hope. 13-15**

    A.   An illustration: The Law veiled the Lord's glory. 13

    B.   The problem lay inside the Israelites. 14a

    C.   The problem continues unchanged. 14b, 15

III. **Only Christ can give this hope. 14c, 16-18**

    A.   Christ unveils the Lord's glory. 14c, 16

    B.   Christ unveils the Lord's glory through the Holy Spirit. 17-18

        1.   The Spirit enables us to see the Lord's glory. 17

        2.   The Spirit enables us *all* to see Lord's glory. 18a

        3.   The Spirit transforms us by the Lord's glory. 18b

        4.   The Spirit alone can do this. 18c